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Letter dated 27 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Acting on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the press release concerning the meeting which took place in Brazzaville, on 17 June 2001, between Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo, and Major General Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council, and also have them circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Atoki **Leka**
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Annex to the letter dated 27 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Press release

At the invitation of Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo, Major General Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, paid a working visit to Brazzaville on 27 June 2001.

During this visit, Major General Joseph Kabila had private talks with his counterpart and brother from the Republic of the Congo.

The two heads of State took the opportunity to review bilateral and also multilateral issues.

At the international level, discussions between the two heads of State focused, inter alia, on the forthcoming summit of the Organization of African Unity, which is scheduled for 9 to 11 July in Lusaka, Zambia, and on the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) pandemic which was the subject of much debate at the special session of the United Nations in New York.

At the bilateral level, the two heads of State welcomed the outcome of the tenth session of the Higher Joint Cooperation Commission held at Brazzaville from 22 to 27 November 2000.

They also welcomed the joint efforts made by the two sister countries to ensure safety of navigation on the Congo and Ubangui rivers, in accordance with the non-aggression pact signed by the two Governments on 29 December 1999 and the conclusions of the Summit Meeting of the Heads of State of Central Africa, held in Kinshasa on 27 October 2000.

The two heads of State instructed their ministers in charge of security questions to continue the work of the Tripartite Commission.

Major General Joseph Kabila informed his counterpart of developments in the political situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including the prospects for a peaceful settlement of the conflict and the organization of the inter-Congolese dialogue.

In return, President Denis Sassou-Nguesso informed his host of the outcome of the all-inclusive national dialogue held in Brazzaville from 17 March to 14 April 2001.

The two heads of State expressed delight at the climate of fraternity and mutual understanding which reigned throughout their talks.

At the close of his visit, Major General Joseph Kabila thanked his counterpart and brother from the Republic of the Congo, Denis Sassou-Nguesso, for his fraternal invitation and for the quality of the welcome extended to himself and his delegation.

On his side, President Denis Sassou-Nguesso accepted with pleasure the invitation extended to him by Major General Joseph Kabila to visit Kinshasa in the near future.

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